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WELFARE SCHEMES FOR OLD PEOPLE
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to curtail the financial assistance being provided under welfare schemes for old age people;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) the details of proposals received from various State Governments/Union Territories administrations and NGOs/VOs under various schemes implemented by the Ministry for old people and the funds allocted/released and utilized by them during 2003-04 and 2004-05, scheme-wise, State/Union Territory-wise and NGO/VO- wise;

(d) the present number of old age people and Old Age Homes functioning in the country and the number of senior citizens benefiting therefrom;

(e) the number of new old age homes to be opened during 2004-05, State/UT-wise;

(f) the details of external/foreign financial aids received to run these old age homes; and

(g) the measures being taken/to be taken by the Union Government for further expansion of schemes for old people and proper monitoring of utilization of funds?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT(SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) No,Sir

(b) Does not arise

(c) Details of number of proposals received from the State Governments/Union Territory Administrations and amount sanctioned are indicated below:

Name of the Scheme	2003-04		2004-05	
	No. of Proposals received	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in crore)	No. of Proposals received -upto 14th Dec 04	Amount Sanctioned (Rs. in crore)
An Integrated Programme for Older Persons	491	15.83	407	7.60
Assistance to	8	0.70	2	0.05

Panchayati Raj Institutions /Voluntary Organisations/ Self Help Groups for construction of old age homes/ multi service centers for older persons

Scheme-wise, State/Union Territory-wise and NGO-wise detailed information about release of funds during 2003-04 and 2004-05 may be seen on the Ministry`s website www.socialjustice.nic.in.

(d) As per Census 2001, India has 7.66 crores persons aged 60 years and above, excluding the population of Mao Maram, Paomata and Purul Sub-divisions of Senapati District of Manipur.

During 2003-04, under the scheme of Integrated Programme for Older Persons, financial assistance was provided to Non Governmental Organisations for running 322 old age homes benefiting about 10,000 senior citizens.

(e) The actual numbers sanctioned would depend on the completeness of the proposals received through the State Governments.

(f) No external/foreign funds are received for running these old age homes.

(g) Expansion of the schemes will depend on increase of budgetary allocations and complete cases being received through the State Governments.